



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: CRSP - Arroyo Toad Protective Fencing (03/04-CD-19)

LOCATION: Cuyamaca Rancho State Park

COUNTY: San Diego

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The project consists of placing 30 - 6x4x4 posts, side-by-side about 4-6 feet apart in the scour zone of the Sweetwater River channel where the Cold Stream Trail crosses before it meets up with the East Side Trail (behind the Dyar House). The fence will demark the existing trail as it crosses the river and narrow the crossing point to discourage hikers and horses from wandering up and down the stream banks. The purpose of the project is to reduce impacts to a population of the Federally Endangered Arroyo Toad, which uses the Sweetwater River at this crossing to breed in the pools and to hibernate in the sandy banks in the winter months. District Archaeologist has determined that there will be no archaeological impacts.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Colorado Desert

EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section)
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 4 Section(s): 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated.

A resource ecologist will ensure avoidance of significant impacts to natural resources.

Project does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (class 4)

Project will result in the improvement of habitat for fish and wildlife resources (class 4d)

Project does not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters (class 4i)

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